Approved for use through 10/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

	- -	
Application Number	10/622,631	
Filing Date	July 21, 2003	
First Named Inventor	Manuel R. SILVA, Jr.	
Art Unit	3752	
Examiner Name	Darren W. GORMAN	
Attorney Docket Number	34008:E/1-US (-060US)	

			U. S. PATEN	r DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (if known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	A1	^{US-} 2002/0050531	05-02-2002	Dolan	
·····	A2	^{US-} 2003/0075343	04-24-2003	Ballard	
	A3	US-			
	A4	US-			
	A5	US-			
	A6	US-			
	A7	US-			
	A8	US-			
	A9	US-			
	A10	US-			
	A11	US-			
	A12	US-			
	A13	US-			
	A14	US-			
	A15	US-			
	A16	US-			
	A17	US-			
	A18	US-			
	A19	US-			

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	nitials* No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	6	
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (<i>if known</i>)				T°	
	B1						
	B2						
	В3						
	B4						
	B5						
	B6						

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO				Complete if Known		
				Application Number	10/622,631	
INFO	ORMATION	DIS	CLOSURE	Filing Date	July 21, 2003	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)			PPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Manuel R. SILVA, Jr.	
			ococcand	Art Unit	3752	
			ecessary)	Examiner Name	Darren W. GORMAN	
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	34008:E/1-US (-060US)	

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Examiner Cite Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of		T ²		
	GRINNELL CORPORATION; Dry Sprinklers, Quick Response, Data Sheet of Model F960; June 1998; 1 sheet				
	GRINNELL CORPORATION; Engineering drawings of Model F960 Dry Pende Bulb Type Sprinkler Yoke; Rev. January 3, 1991; 1 sheet				
	C3	GRINNELL CORPORATION; Engineering drawings of Model F960 Dry Pendent Bulb-Type Sprinkler Assembly; April 24, 1991; 1 sheet			
VIKING CORP.; Technical Data, "Model M Quick Response Dry Pend Sprinkler"; April 9, 1998; 4 sheets		VIKING CORP.; Technical Data, "Model M Quick Response Dry Pendent Sprinkler"; April 9, 1998; 4 sheets			
		FACTORY MUTUAL RESEARCH CORPORATION; "Approval Standard for Automatic Sprinklers for Fire Protection, Class Series 2000" (Sections 4.8 and 4.13); May 1998; 5 pages			
	C6	UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES INC.; "UL 199 Standard for Automatic Sprinklers for Fire-Protection Service" (Sections 20 and 29); April 8, 1997; 4 pages			
		JAMES E. GOLINVEAUX; "A Technical Analysis: The Use and Maintenance of Dry Type Sprinklers" (http://www.tyco-fire.com/TFP_common/DrySprinklers.pdf); June 2002; 15 pages			
	C8	VICTAULIC; "Models V3606 and V3605 Dry Type Standard Spray Pendent and Recessed Pendent Standard and Quick Response"; 2002; 4 sheets			
	C9				
	C10				

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO This collection of information is required by 37 CPR 1.36. The miorimation is required to build will reduce the bottle will be a policy will b